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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AHMED HIGAZI, on behalf of himself  
and a class of those similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CADENCE DESIGN SYSTEMS, INC.,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:07-CV-02813 BZ

**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
BERNARD ZIMMERMAN**

CONSENT TO ASSIGNMENT TO UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), Defendant,  
Cadence Design Systems, Inc., hereby consents to the jurisdiction of Magistrate Judge Bernard  
Zimmerman in this case for trial and all other purposes, without waiving its pending request for  
an intradistrict venue transfer.

Dated: June 29, 2007

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